

MANY OLD MEN TELL TALES.**DR. HURD'S PARTY UNITES MEN****IN THREE YEARS AGGREGATE 4,211.**

One who was invited to the "Three Score and Ten" Reception Feared to Come lest His Girl Should Find Out His Age and Go Back on Him," Somebody Said.

Forty-six men, all except a few of whom were past three score and ten, were the guests of Dr. William B. Hurd in his home, 502 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon. The aggregate age of the members of the gathering was about 4,211 years, but every one of the "boys" was so strong and ready that it seemed reasonable to believe that before many years most of them will gain admission to THE SUN's hundred-year club.

Dr. Hurd's reception was unlike any ever held in Brooklyn. Only those who could boast of 70 years or more were invited. Dr. Hurd is a dentist who is in his eighty-third year, and has lived in Williamsburgh for nearly half a century. The idea of the "Three Score and Ten" reception was his own.

"I have a great many friends whom I have not seen in many years," said a few weeks ago, "and I want to get them together and exchange reminiscences of by-gone days."

So he arranged the reception at his home yesterday afternoon and his daughter aided him in the arrangements.

Promptly at 3 o'clock the first of the guests appeared, and soon a steady stream of white-haired men were entering the house. Ex-Judge William B. Hurd, Jr., assisted his father in receiving. Dr. Hurd stood in the front parlor and received his old friends, who were presented to him by the only other young man in sight, Richard C. Ellsworth, whose long friendship for Dr. Hurd was the excuse for his presence. As the guests shook hands with their host and mutual congratulations were exchanged, no longer could learn that the reception was being given together old friends, who had been long separated, just as it had been planned to do.

"Why, it is thirty years since I have seen you," both would say at once, and then reminiscences would follow until a new arrival occupied Dr. Hurd's attention.

Before the reception had been in progress many minutes N. K. Barnum was announced. Dr. Hurd advanced and shook the hand of the seventy-eight-year-old man. "Well, well, we haven't met since we were in Danbury together fifty years ago," Dr. Hurd said, and then explained to the others that Mr. Barnum had read in the newspapers of preparations for the reception and had written him a reminder that they were friends in Connecticut many years ago. Mr. Barnum received an invitation by the next mail.

A few minutes later former Chief of Police Patrick Campbell arrived. Back in 1875 Dr. Hurd and James Jardine were Police Commissioners in Brooklyn when Mr. Campbell was Chief of the department.

"Isn't John Peckham coming to the reception?" Mr. Campbell was asked.

"I told him he wouldn't be the answerer," he said if he attended. "Three-score and ten, reception, his girl would go back on him when she learned how old I am, and for that reason he said he wasn't coming."

Then came Benjamin W. Wilson, president of the Board of Trade, and N. S. French in Williamsburg, who had a birthday party last week in celebration of his 80 years, at which Dr. Hurd made a speech; former Judges A. H. Dailey and George L. Fox, who are both 70, next appeared, then came the oldest of them all—Dr. William B. Rich, who scarcely showed his age.

Rich was 80 on his last birthday but he appeared to be one of the youngest men in the room and his closest gray-haired hair was tinged with black. The Rev. Dr. W. H. Elery, Brooklyn Congregational Church, although he celebrated his eightieth birthday yesterday, was there. He didn't say anything about being 80 for some time, but the two finally and everyone tendered him hearty congratulations.

Former Congressman William J. Combs paid himself off as eligible to attend, and as he passed in he said to Mr. Ellsworth, who presented him: "Don't let on to the doctor that I'm not 70; only very old." Ellsworth said he would put the information into writing with Dr. Hurd, passed around a new autograph album and asked all to write their names and ages. Mr. Combs was allowed to stay after his age was known, but was subjected to a good deal of chaffing.

It was a short while before the parlors were filled with "eligibles," and they remained in groups, swapping stories and 5 o'clock, making as much noise and having as good a time as society women at "jungle tea."

When the last had all gone, Dr. Hurd sat down and thought all over. "Don't let on to the doctor that I'm not 70; only very old," he said. "I haven't seen some of these men in years and I've had a wonderfully pleasant time. Aren't they a fine looking lot of boys?"

From the turned over leaves of his writing book and reading list, it was known he attended. They were John D. Wellington, 80; B. Patrice, age 80; Thomas N. Wise, Norman W. Kingsley, 73; Alonzo Longfellow, 73; George W. Betts, 78; Alonzo Campbell, 75; William Duke, 70; Henry C. Brainerd, 73; Charles E. Corl, 74; William D. Williams, 70; N. K. Barnum, 74; H. Butler, 71; N. L. North, 72; James D. Penney, 55; Cyrus H. Fay, 60; George L. Fox, 70; James W. Higgs, 75; Benjamin W. Wilson, 80; Dr. D. Cook, 77; D. S. Holmes, 75; Edw. and McVarnon, 73; R. H. Huntington, 72; W. W. Brewster, 70; W. W. Brewster, 72; Frank Haagdon, Davis S. Giffing, 72; George L. Burr, 68; George H. Elmer, 70; George G. Reynolds, 81; Oscar Vining, 70; Manning Merrill, 76; R. Van Vechten, 71; Isaac Beals, 76; and James D. Hurd, 80.

D. Hurd was born in Brookfield, Conn., on July 5, 1820. At an early age he moved to New York and thence to Danbury, where he spent his boyhood. He studied dentistry at the University in Williamsburg, in the 13th street, of Harvard and South 13th street. He did very practical work. Hurd has never really given up. He has written with the march of science and has attended regularly the meetings of the Kings County Dental Association. He still feels young, and he looks it.

Comment on Schick Case.

Today, Oct. 25.—The Crimson commented editorially on the Schick case today as follows:

"Mulgish by the arguments presented Harvard could have received a favorable decision in the Schick case, but now that the Harvard committee has voted that Schick was innocent, Harvard must acknowledge defeat in the Intercollegiate meet last year. It is the only loss, however, at the meeting last year that Harvard suffered. The result is almost bound to occur, according to the documents presented, every intercollegiate team in the country was defeated, and it would therefore seem necessary for the Intercollegiate to accept the Harvard's verdict as final in contesting the best argument. So sick. The one point must be left open, however, at the meeting last year, that Harvard's decision is that Harvard must win. The only argument that can be made in favor of Harvard's decision is that the Intercollegiate cup may not be Yale."

OUR CHESS CORNER.

PROBLEM NO. 1154 BY M. BORPLIN, BAMBERG, GERMANY.

BLACK—KING. R-K 8, R-Q 8, R-B 7; B on K-Kt 8; P on Q-B 3, Q-B 2, K-B 6 and K-R 6.



K on B 6, Q on K 8, P on K 7; and K 6, B on K 2 and R 6, P on Q 2.

WHITE—SEVEN PIECES.

PROBLEM NO. 1155 BY DR. F. MAZEL, LEMBERG, BOHEMIA, AUSTRIA.

BLACK—EIGHT PIECES.

R on K-Kt 5, P on Q 2, Q 3, Q 4, Kt 4, Kt 5 and K 5.



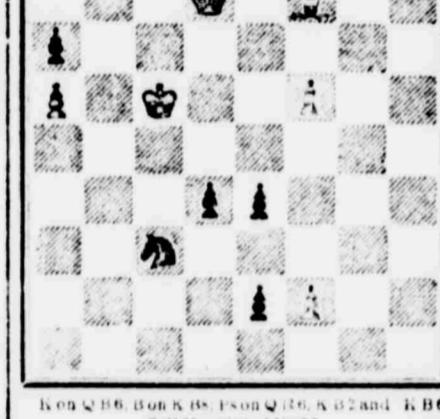
K on K 5, B on Q 2, Kts on K 4 and K 5, R on Q 2.

WHITE—FIVE PIECES.

WHITE to play and mate in three moves.

ENDGAME STUDY BY HENRY REINCK, BARCELONA.

K on Q 8, Kt on Q 6, B on Q 2, Q 5, K 5 and K 7.



K on Q 6, B on K 5, P on Q 2, Q 5, K 5 and K 7.

WHITE—FIVE PIECES.

WHITE to play and mate in two moves.

ENDGAME STUDY BY HENRY REINCK, BARCELONA.

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K on Q 6, B on K 5, P on Q 2, Q 5, K 5 and K 7.

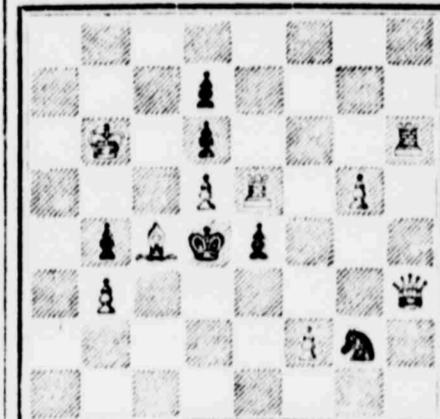
WHITE—FIVE PIECES.

WHITE to play and mate in three moves.

PROBLEM NO. 1156 BY K. KONRAD, BRUSSELS.

BLACK—TWELVE PIECES.

K on Q 5, R on Q 6, Kt 7 and K 8, B on Q 6 and K 8, R on Q 6, K 7 and K 8.



K on Q 6, R on K 7, P on Q 6, K 7, Q 2, Q 3, and K 5.

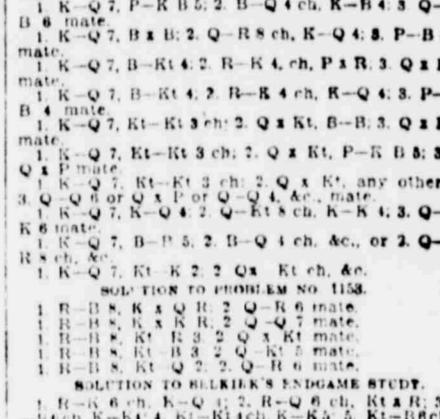
WHITE—SIX PIECES.

WHITE to play and mate in three moves.

PROBLEM TO DR. J. JESSENSEN, STERNDAL, DENMARK.

BLACK—SIX PIECES.

K on Q 5, R on K 7, P on Q 6, K 7, Q 2, Q 3, and K 5.



K on Q 6, R on K 7, Q 2, Q 3, K 5 and K 7.

WHITE—SIX PIECES.

WHITE to play and mate in three moves.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM NO. 1152.

1. K-Q 7, P x P; Q-R 5, K-B 3; B 3, R 2 mate.

2. K-Q 7, P-K B 5, 2, B-Q 4, P-B 3, Q-R 6 mate.

3. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, K 4, B 3, Q 8 mate.

4. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8 mate.

5. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

6. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

7. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

8. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

9. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

10. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

11. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

12. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

13. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

14. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

15. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

16. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

17. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

18. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

19. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

20. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

21. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

22. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

23. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

24. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

25. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

26. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

27. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

28. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

29. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

30. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

31. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

32. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

33. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

34. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

35. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

36. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

37. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

38. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

39. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

40. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

41. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

42. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

43. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

44. K-Q 7, K-B 7, 2, Q 4, R 8, K 4, Q 8 mate.

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